

## FLORIDA CONVICT PROBLEM.

How The State Supervisor of Convicts Would Deal With It.

More or less having been said through the press about the present state convict system, the supervisor of state convicts has recently been interviewed on the subject as follows:

"Does convict labor conflict materially with free labor?"

"In answer to that I will say: Only three weeks ago, on my last round of inspection among the convicts, I noticed a great many phosphate plants, with thousands of dollars invested in machinery and rock, shut down for want of labor to run them. I saw hundreds of acres of turpentine farms standing idle, the crude gum running out on the ground for lack of labor, much of it having been boxed last winter, and for lack of labor the pines had not been hacked more than four to six inches above the box. I believe that 5,000 men could be employed today were it possible to get them to work the phosphate mines and turpentine farms of South Florida; but the labor cannot be had. For proof of this assertion write Varn & Co., Brooksville, who run three turpentine stills by free labor; W. J. Hillman & Co., Floral City, who are largely interested in the manufacture of naval stores, with free labor, as well as with convict labor; King & Martie; also Knight Bros., of Dunellon; Buttgenbach & Co., who employ hundreds of free laborers in mining phosphate in Alachua and Citrus counties."

"Do you think the state convicts ought to be worked on the public roads?"

"I do not. Now, my reasons:

"By the time the present lease has expired at the close of next year, there will doubtless be something over 800 state convicts. There are forty-five counties in the state. To equally divide the convicts between the counties (which would be unjust and impracticable) would give the counties about eighteen convicts each. To divide them according to population or the number furnished the state by each county, would, of course, give the large populated counties more and the small populated counties less, but in either event the state convicts would be scattered throughout the state in every county. This would put the poor, unfortunate convicts without a shelter from the rain and cold and would of necessity greatly increase the expense of keeping them."

"You are opposed, then, to state convicts being worked on the public roads; how would you dispose of them then?"

"I would make some provision of law to take care of the old, the maimed and the infirm convicts, and I would lease out all the able-bodied laborers in blocks of 50 or less to the highest and best bona fide bidder."

"Why would you lease them in blocks of 50 or less?"

"Because the state now gets \$21,000 per annum for all of them. The state now has an offer of four times that amount, or \$84,000 per annum, for all of them, and by letting them out in blocks of 50 or less, the sub-lessees that are now gladly paying \$13 per month for them would compete in the bidding with the large bidders and the state would have the benefit of the competition. At \$13 per month for 700 convicts the state would get \$109,200 per annum for them. This would be more than five times what the state is now getting. This is caused from the increased demand for labor and not from any fault of the board of state institutions."

"A reliable contractor told me a few weeks ago that he would give the state \$175 per year each for 300 convicts, which would be \$52,500 for only 300 convicts, and I suppose there will be, when the present lease is out, 800 at least. Now my plan would be, take the money from the hire of convicts and divide among the counties to be applied to working the public roads by free labor, this puts an end to the cry of competition of convict with free labor."

## SHILOH.

Miss Georgie Griffin is visiting relatives in Titusville this week.

Miss Fannie Gray spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Clara Nolle.

Miss Mabel Vann, of the island, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Ziy returned home Wednesday from Chattanooga, Tenn., where she has been spending the past summer.

H. M. Nolle, an employee of the F. E. C. railway, arrived Thursday from St. Augustine on an extended visit to his parents.

Miss Clara Nolle has been quite ill this week, suffering from a severe attack of malarial fever, but we are pleased to state at this writing she is some better.

## That Throbbing Headache

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## WINE-MAKING IN FLORIDA.

Valuable Hints Taken From a Book By Em. DuBois, of West Florida.

The Times Union and Citizen, in reply to a few inquiries of Mr. A. F. Brown, of Volusia county, publishes the following directions from the little book on grape growing and wine-making in Florida by Em. DuBois:

In order to operate rationally and mathematically get Twitchell's acidimeter and Oechsle's must scale or saccharometer, the former to ascertain the acidity of the must, the latter to determine the amount of sugar.

Press a sufficient quantity of grapes to make enough juice to fill up the glass cylinder of your must scale, and strain the must through a sieve or a piece of linen or cotton cloth. This must, when weighed, should not have had time to ferment at all, and its temperature should be 70 degrees.

When the acidimeter is used for the test of must destined to make claret, it is better to have the necessary quantity of grapes for the test pressed the day before, and allow juice and husk to ferment together, as most of our grapes contain their acidity in the skin, and fermentation only can draw it out. With the acidimeter all directions are given for its use.

A must, destined to make a wine to suit the taste of the American people, and at the same time keep well in our hot climate, should indicate at least 90 degrees on the must scale and 5 degrees on the acidimeter.

Now, suppose you have Concord must which registers 70 degrees on the Oechsle scale and indicates 7 degrees on the acidimeter and you have 600 pounds of grapes to ferment, the proportion of juice to the grapes in weight may be estimated at two-thirds the amount of must expected. It will, therefore, be 400 pounds, or about fifty gallons. As one gallon of water sweetened with half a pound of sugar indicates 20 degrees on the must scale, and your must weighs only 70 degrees, add half a pound of sugar per gallon, and you will obtain a normal must weighing 90 degrees. But if your fifty gallons of must contain now a sufficiency of saccharine matter, they contain also an excess of acids.

Fifty multiplied by 7, 350; 350 divided by 5, 70.

Therefore, the quantity of liquid has to be increased up to seventy gallons—that is, twenty gallons of water added. (Cistern, lake or pure river water preferred to spring or artesian water containing minerals.)

Then, as these twenty gallons of pure water contain no saccharine matter, they require forty-nine pounds of sugar—that is, 2 1/4 pounds per gallon (1-2 pound of sugar equals 20 degrees; 2 1/4 pounds equals 90 degrees.)

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## Brevard County Treasurer's Statement.

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1900.

Balance cash on hand Aug. 1, 1900 \$ 8,568.10  
Amount received in Aug. 1900 1,275.39

Total \$9,843.49

Less amount paid in Aug. 1900, and warrants delivered to county commissioners and school board \$2,027.50

Balance cash on hand Sept. 1, 1900 \$7,815.99

The above balance is held as follows:  
Deposited in Indian River State bank as per certificate of cashier attached to monthly report, less checks \$93 and 911 not in \$7,815.99

Balances belonging to each fund are as follows:

County revenue, general fund \$3,193.47  
" road and bridge 709.58  
" building 20.53  
" fine and forfeiture 918.14  
" feeding prisoners 231.78  
" school fund 29.12  
" special road fund, Dist. 2 24  
" " " " 5 2,723.13

Total \$7,815.99

JOHN HENRY,  
County Treasurer.

## Cuts and Bruises Quickly Healed.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm applied to a cut, bruise, burn, scald or like injury will instantly allay the pain and will heal the parts in less time than any other treatment. Unless the injury is very severe it will not leave a scar. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains, swellings and lameness. For sale by Wilson & Son.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

At the solicitation of many friends throughout the circuit, I announce myself as a candidate for state's attorney of the Seventh judicial circuit of Florida, and respectfully request the support of the Democrats at the primary election ordered for November 6th, 1900.

JOHN C. JONES.

## FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for state attorney of the Seventh judicial circuit of Florida, and respectfully request the support of the Democratic voters of the circuit for the place, at the primary to be held on Nov. 6th, 1900.

JAMES D. BEAGS.

## HARPER WHISKEY RECEIVED GOLD MEDAL.

(Special Dispatch.) Paris, August 25, American whiskeys received the official approval of the exposition today, when gold medal was awarded to Bernheim Bros., Louisville, Ky., on their I. W. Harper whiskey. Sold in Titusville by Losley & Motlow.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

Continued from page 1.

C. B. Sanders, contract 15.  
R. A. Hardee, contract 19.  
R. A. Hardee, contract 21.  
The following bills were audited and ordered paid:

J. Mendel, county com'r \$ 6.40  
J. R. Walker, " " 6.00  
W. H. Sharpe, " " 7.00  
J. N. Waller, " " 25.40  
A. A. Ford, game and fish warden 40.00  
J. Mendel, copying minutes 5.00  
M. Goldsmith, prosecuting attorney 33.33  
D. L. Gaudin, salary county judge 25.00  
I. R. State Bank, interest on warrants 4.20  
T. J. Cockshutt, registration officer 12.41  
A. A. Stewart, recording tax sales 7.98  
A. A. Stewart, accountant 15.00  
Titusville Electric Light Co. 9.00  
T. T. Wetmore, ice 1.65  
J. P. Brown, waiting on board 6.00  
" " feeding dog 2.00  
" " jailor 30.00  
" " janitor 5.00  
" " delivering regst. books 46.50  
" " waiting on county court 6.00  
" " sum. and drawing jury 26.90

D. Cain, ferryman, 6.00  
R. A. Conkling, " 6.00  
M. Goldsmith, on acct. Powe case 40.00  
J. Kline, merchandise for jail 80  
J. R. Walker, " " 2.75  
Pritchard & Son, " " 3.05  
Wilson & Son, " " 1.00

H. & W. B. Drew Co., books 42.10  
B. R. Wilson, med. for prisoners 60  
J. P. Beach & Co., med. for paupers 75  
Wilson & Son, " " 4.70  
B. R. Wilson, med. service, paupers 3.00

Pauper list 137.00  
E. L. Brady, mdse. for jail 1.50  
J. O. Fries, supt. of roads 24.00

Dist. 2—C. B. Sanders, bal. on cont. 8, 38.00  
" " acct. cont. 15 60.00

" 3—Cresson & Chest, acct. cont. 19, 250.00  
" 4—Town of Eau Gallie, half tax 1899 75.90

" 4—R. A. Hardee, acct. contract 19, 25.00  
" 5—J. H. LeTourneau, road work, 2.00  
" 5—C. C. Mast, " " 2.00

" 5—C. F. Glutch, " " 15.00  
" 5—O. Sellers, " " 3.75  
" 5—W. E. Drawdy, " " 11.25

" 5—H. A. Holmes, lumber 41.95  
" 5—A. J. Brooker, road work 10.00  
" 5—J. Sellers, " " 10.62

" 5—D. Sloan, " " 10.00  
" 5—L. A. Sloan, " " 10.00  
" 5—R. A. Hardee, acct. cont. 21 25.00

" 5—J. F. Bell, building bridges 85.00  
J. P. Brown, feeding prisoners 68.40

M. Goldsmith, conviction fees 10.00  
J. P. Brown, criminal prosecution 59.25

A. A. Stewart, " 5.87  
On motion it was ordered that from this date the board of county commissioners will not be responsible or pay for any medicine for paupers not authorized by the board in open session, provided that in extreme cases the sheriff certify to the necessity thereof, and the board will then allow the bill.

The board adjourned to meet again the first Tuesday in October.

You can spell it cough, cough, cough, kauf, kaff, kough, or kaugh, but the only harmless remedy that quickly cures it is One Minute Cough Cure. Wilson & Son.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION.

To the Sheriff of Brevard County, of the State of Florida:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, JOHN L. CRAWFORD, secretary of state of the state of Florida, do hereby give notice that a

## GENERAL ELECTION

will be held in Brevard county, state of Florida, on Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, A. D. 1900, the said Tuesday being the

## SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,

For four (4) presidential electors.  
For one representative of the Second congressional district of Florida, in the Fifty-seventh congress of the United States.

For governor of the state of Florida.  
For secretary of state of the state of Florida.  
For attorney general of the state of Florida.  
For comptroller of the state of Florida.  
For treasurer of the state of Florida.

For superintendent of public instruction of the state of Florida.  
For commissioner of agriculture of the state of Florida.

For one justice of the supreme court of the state of Florida.  
For one railroad commissioner for the state of Florida.

For state senator for Thirteenth senatorial district of the state of Florida.  
For one member of the house of representatives of the state of Florida.

For county judge.  
For clerk of the circuit court.  
For prosecuting attorney.  
For sheriff.

For tax assessor.  
For tax collector.  
For county treasurer.

For county superintendent of public instruction.  
For county surveyor.

For justice of the peace in and for the following justice districts, viz:

No. one, No. two, No. three, No. four, No. five, No. six, No. seven, No. eight, No. nine, No. ten, No. eleven, No. twelve, No. thirteen, No. fourteen, No. fifteen, No. sixteen, No. seventeen, No. eighteen, No. nineteen, No. twenty, No. twenty-one, No. twenty-two.

For constable in and for the following justice districts, viz:

No. one, No. two, No. three, No. four, No. five, No. six, No. seven, No. eight, No. nine, No. ten, No. eleven, No. twelve, No. thirteen, No. fourteen, No. fifteen, No. sixteen, No. seventeen, No. eighteen, No. nineteen, No. twenty, No. twenty-one, No. twenty-two.

For three members of the county board of public instruction.

The attention of the sheriffs is called to the law requiring them to cause a notice of the said election to be published in a newspaper printed in the county, if there be a paper in the county; if there be no paper published in the county, they shall cause at least five copies of this notice to be posted in the most public places in the county.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the state of Florida, at Tallahassee, the capital, this 1st day of September, A. D. 1900.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,  
Secretary of State.

To J. P. Brown, Sheriff Brevard county.

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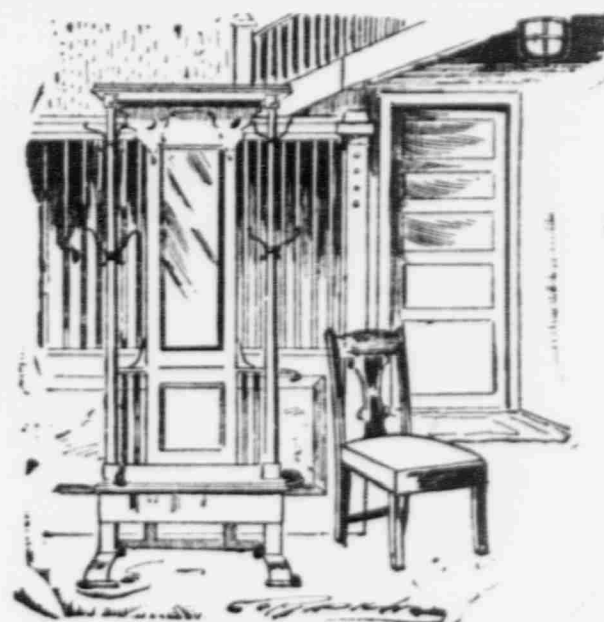
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